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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead, and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

NOTICES

We are now open for calls in the evangelistic field. My husband plays the guitar and we sing. We have been in the work of the Lord about eight years. Anyone desiring us for a revival may contact us at this address: Rev. Maxine Crank, 707 E. Stoddard St., Dexter, Mo.

I am now open for revivals in Tennessee and all bordering states. I graduated from the Religious Education Class in 1950. If you desire me for a revival, please contact me.—Gilbert E. Bleyer, 408 S. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa.

THEY BOOST EVANGEL CIRCULATION

Enclosed is a money order for \$8.75 to pay for 7 Evangel subscriptions. I also mailed you 24 subscriptions last Tuesday, January 23.—W. M. Morrow, McColl, S. C.

Enclosed you will find 42 Evangel subscriptions. We have 41 members on roll. Our quota in South Carolina is one for every 2 members.—Thomas Grassano, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Enclosed find check for \$31.25 to pay for 25 Evangel subscriptions. These 25 subscriptions, with the 45 I sent you about two weeks ago, make us 70 in all; 66 would have been one for every 2 members we had when our annual report went in.—D. T. Toler, Pastor, Macon, Ga.

Enclosed you will find my check for the amount of \$31.25 for 25 Evangel subscriptions. I should like to say that we enjoy the Evangel. I always look forward to receiving it. We will have more subscriptions coming in later.—T. A. Perkins, Jesup, Ga.

I am sending 29 subscriptions for the Evangel at \$1.25 each from the Pike Ave., Church of God. I will send more subscriptions around March 1. Each subscriber paid \$1.50, but we had it understood that 25¢ each would be placed on the piano that our Y. P. E. is buying. This amounted to \$7.25. God is surely blessing in all departments of the church under our consecrated pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Cecil Knight. Pray for us.—Bertha F. Haynes, Bessemer, Ala.

APPRECIATES EVANGEL

Dear Brother: Greetings in the name of Jesus. Just a few words in behalf of the Evangel and the fine job you are doing as editor of our good paper. We are boosting the Evangel in the Pacific Northwest. My wife and I are regular readers of the Evangel, and every time a new issue of this fine paper gets to us, we sit down and have a visit back home. We visit with many of our friends. We can do this only through the Evangel. These are fine visits, for with every new issue, we come face to face with our friends, our brothers, and sisters, and as they talk to us through the pages of the Evangel, we take on new courage. I travel many miles through its pages, meet friends old and new, live for a few minutes in the midst of great revivals, sit through great camp meetings, travel with our missionaries, and with eyes that make my heart hear, I listen to great and inspired messages. Yes, thank God for the Evangel, for through its pages our people can be brought into closer fellowship and can be made to have a greater knowledge and a better understanding of the Church of God, of which the Evangel serves as the official organ. My prayer to God is that before the year of 1951 ends, every member and friend of the Church of God will be enjoying these visits, and that a Church of God Evangel will be coming into their home. The Lord bless you, Brother Bright, and keep you spiritually and physically strong as you carry on this good work.—Johnny Thompson, State Youth Director of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

EVANGEL COUNT FOR JANUARY, 1951

Alabama	1,054	New Hampshire	1
Arkansas	216	New Jersey	28
Arizona	103	New Mexico	50
California	159	New York	40
Colorado	15	North Carolina	2,890
Connecticut		North Dakota	65
Delaware	33	Ohio	530
Florida	1,325	Oklahoma	345
Georgia	2,724	Oregon	32
Idaho	35	Pennsylvania	405
Illinois	263	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	253	South Carolina	2,557
Iowa	115	South Dakota	74
Kansas	60	Tennessee	1,574
Kentucky	760	Texas	612
Louisiana	313	Virginia	603
Maine	48	Washington	83
Maryland	223	West Virginia	1,109
Massachusetts	11	Wisconsin	29
Michigan	608	Wyoming	2
Minnesota	18	Foreign	420
Mississippi	477	Western Canada	44
Missouri	247	Central Canada	17
Montana	88		
Nebraska	12	Total	20,776

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Pray for:

The healing of my body.—Iva Brown, Almond, La.
O'Steen Gilley who has T. B.—J. M. Hartline, Fayette, Ala.
My husband to be healed of T. B.; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Emma Trogon, Saplin, W. Va.
Rev. A. B. Everetts' wife who is now in the hospital.—Mrs. E. H. Babb, Jackson, Miss.
Two boys in Korea to be saved; God to give a Church of God in Lorain, Ohio.—Marie White.
God to save and protect my grandson.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.
Me to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Rosie Collins, Winstonsboro, Texas.
Me to get closer to God; God to deliver my sister from a habit and for her to draw closer to God.—A sister in Christ.
Me to be healed of T. B.—A reader.
Our family; my husband; our daughter to get work.—Mrs. Will Aaron, Jefferson, Ga.
My husband, father, sister, and two brothers to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Roy Lane, Charleston, Miss.
God to undertake for my niece; my brother to stop drinking; my mother to be healed.—A sister in Christ.
Several unspoken requests.—Mrs. Albert Lewis, Williamston, N. C.
The Church of God here; my youngest brother to be saved, delivered from the drink habit, and healed.—Viola Campbell, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
The healing of my body; my mother who is almost blind; a very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. C. L. Felty, Sr., Pulaski, Va.
My children; my home; lost loved ones to be saved; an infection on my tongue and something in my mouth to be healed.—Bessie Driggers, Winstonsboro, S. C.
My baby's face to be healed.—Mrs. Barney Ahl, Baxley, Ga.
My son to be saved and healed; my daughter to be healed of heart trouble; my son and son-in-law to be saved.—Maggie Cox, Paxton, Ind.
Odwin White to be saved and healed.—Blanche White, Odessa, Texas.
A very special unspoken request.—Miss Ola Trammell, Piedmont, Ala.
A special request; God to give me more faith and a closer walk with Him.—A sister in Christ, Sanford, N. C.
My wife to be healed of arthritis; God to heal my right ankle.—W. A. Campbell, Cleveland, S. C.
My husband who is overseas; for both of us to get closer to God.—Mrs. Arthur Hopkins, Leesville, S. C.
My leg to be healed.—Ed Johnson, Mauldin, S. C.
The complete healing of my mother's body; my dad to be saved.—Mrs. Fat O'Bannon, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.
Mrs. H. C. Smith, of Warren, Ark., to be healed.
My wife to be saved.—G. B. Houk.
The healing of my body.—B. C. Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.
God to heal Sister Essie Grier; the healing of my body.—Mrs. J. F. Martin, Winter Garden, Fla.

Editorials

A HOLY LIFE—WHY?

I. Because it is God's will and choice. This is clearly set forth in 1 Thes. 4:3,4, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification . . . that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." Last, Eph. 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

II. Because God commands it. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy," 1 Peter 1:15, 16. It is God's law for one and all. What is your rating?

III. Because Jesus prayed that we be holy, and died to make it possible. Read John 17:15, 20; Heb. 10:10: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." If we accept this great provision, the Lord's prayer is answered.

IV. Because only holy people shall see God. This is not a theory of my own get up. Notice God's Word: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," Matt. 5:8. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14. The Lord help us to meet any and all requirements that we may see God in peace.

SANCTIFICATION EXEMPLIFIED

Sanctification is exemplified by our conversation.

"Our conversation is in heaven," Phil. 3:20.

A traveler in China asked a native if he had ever read the gospel. "No," was the answer, "but I have seen it. I have seen a man who was the terror of the neighborhood, with his curses and his violent temper. He was an opium smoker, a criminal, and as dangerous as a wild beast. But the religion of Jesus made him gentle and good, and he has left off opium. No, I have not read the gospel, but I have seen it, and it is good." Gandhi, the great Indian leader, when speaking to Charles F. Andrews, an American missionary, said, "The trouble with you Americans is that you start doing before being." Mr. Wesley, in defining holiness, speaks of it as "the habitual disposition of soul." We do more good by what we are than by what we say or do. "I want to write a book," said some person to Sir Walter Scott. "No," Sir Walter replied, "be a book; that is greater."

Sanctification is exemplified by citizenship.

Moffatt's translation has it thus, "The colony of heaven." Weymouth translates the text, "We are free citizens of heaven, and," he continues, "we are looking for the coming from heaven of a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Sanctified people properly represent the heavenly empire. Their manner of living reveals the fact that they are the "free citizens of heaven," "colonies of heaven."

Sanctification is exemplified by witness.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me," Acts 1:8. Witnesses are to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This brings a serious responsibility on both ministry and laity. The word "witness" from the Greek literally means "martyrs." This suggests the idea of sacrifice.

Sanctification is exemplified by husbandry and building.

"Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," 1 Cor. 3:9.

The first expression refers to farming. Ye are God's farms. If so, we should let Him work His farms, and raise a good crop of fruit, the fruit of the Spirit. The second expression refers to a building. Then we should let Him supervise as the great Master Builder; let Him clean, decorate, and dwell within.

Sanctification is exemplified by a preservative.

"Ye are the salt of the earth," Matt. 5:13. "Salt of the

earth, to preserve the world from putrefaction and destruction."—Clarke.

"With all thy offerings thou shalt offer salt," Lev. 2:13. "Salt," says Dr. Clarke, "was the opposite to leaven, for it preserves from putrefaction and corruption, and signified purity and preserving fidelity that were necessary in the worship of God. Everything was seasoned with it, to signify purity and perfection that should be extended through every part of the divine service and through the hearts and lives of God's worshipers. It was called the salt of the covenant of God, because as salt is incorruptible so was the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the patriarchs, relative to the redemption of the world by the incarnation and death of Jesus Christ."

Salt has a wonderful buoyancy. The saints are lifters, supporters in time of need. They are to preserve the world from corruption. This they do by the purity of their lives. It was said of the early church that "great grace was upon them all." They had grace which could be seen. They saw the grace of God, and were glad.

Sanctification is exemplified by radiance.

"Ye are the light of the world," Matt. 5:14. The phos, radiance, of the world we are. Christ is the great source as the Light of the world; His followers are the reflectors of that Light. However, if the reflectors are covered by carnal cobwebs, the great Light is dimmed. We need cleansing, and we need to keep clean, if Christ, the Light of the world, would be seen. We are the light of the world only as He shines through our personalities and His life is manifested in our mortal bodies. We are, then, God's advertisements. The question is, What kind of advertisements are we?

Sanctification is exemplified by workmanship.

The word "workmanship" is from the Greek *poiema*, poems; literally, "His poems we are" (Eph. 2:10). We are God's sacred songs. The question is, What kind of songs are we, especially when things are dark, and the way seems hard? A similar thought may be gleaned from the scripture, "That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things," Titus 2:10. The idea is, I think, that we should make the doctrine beautiful by our lives, or as one has expressed it, We should put music to the words, and play.

Sanctification is exemplified by epistles.

"Ye are . . . the epistle of Christ . . . written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart," 2 Cor. 3:3. We are living epistles. The world reads us more than they do the living Word of God. Are we careful to give the world a clear reading? In order to do this, we shall have to avoid blots, omissions, and such like. Let us, by His grace, make the reading clear.

Sanctification is exemplified by fragrance.

"A sweet savor of Christ," 2 Cor. 2:15. "A fragrance of Christ" (Weymouth); literally, "Of Christ a sweet perfume we are to God." An ungodly man said of a sainted bishop, "I am afraid that if I had stayed another day in his presence, I would have had to become a Christian; his spirit was so pure, so attractive, and so beautiful." A poor down-and-out met a man in whose face he saw hope. "O man," he exclaimed, "with heaven in your face, won't you help me?" The man thus addressed was a great, benevolent character, and he did help the poor fellow. A sweet perfume of this kind is what this old world needs, and it is God's will concerning His saints. The Lord help us. It is God's plan to convince the world through His people: "And the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes," Ezek. 36:23.

A PLEASANT VISIT

On February 17, Sister Bright, Lorena, my little daughter, and I drove down to be with Brother G. W. Messer and his good people at Summerville, Ga., in their night service, Sunday morning service, radio program, 4:30 to 5:00 p. m., over WGAT, 950 on dial (Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 9:45 a. m.), and in the evening service. It was a matter of delight to see the fellowship that was existing between the members and pastor. There is further good news about Summerville—they are planning to build a beautiful new church right away. We were entertained so kindly by Brother and Sister Messer that we felt greatly refreshed over the visit. Summerville is about 70 miles southwest of Cleveland—a small town, but known for its southern hospitality.

...POEMS...

MORNING LIGHT

Oh, wonderful morning light,
How darken earth welcomes thee.
Come, brighten the world again
So that once more our eyes may see
The beauties of this great creation
That have been hidden from our view
By the dark blackness of the night
And lurking shadows not a few.
How we strained our eyes to see
Just one sign of your approach
Come leaping over the eastern hill
To drive away night's reproach.
Morning light, how you thrilled us
With your life, giving heavenly light;
How this whole creation laughed again
As you drove away the long night.
Lives and leaves died in the darkness,
But every head was turned your way
When the life-giving rays of sunlight
Came with a brand-new day.
Though our footsteps were halted
By Death's sleep of the night,
You came again to bathe the world
With a new life. O morning light.

IF I CAN ONLY MAKE IT IN

Rev. M. D. Harwood, Bessemer City, Ala.

The great city just over yonder
Will be God's greatest reward
Of the glorious things He's promised,
That beautiful city we look toward.
There will be the best of everything
In this wonderful, wonderful land.
There we'll behold the face of God;
He has so fixed it in His plan.
Everything in this great city
Will be for the saints' delight—
The river of life flowing eternally;
One long eternal day, no night.
The inhabitants of this fair land
Are traveling only one road;
The road is strait and narrow
That leads to this abode.
It's difficult to travel this way;
Many will fail to make it in.
The road is lined with many pitfalls
Dug by the power of Satan and sin.
When we think, "Who will be there
When this great city descends?"
Lord, surely there's a place for me,
If I can only make it in.

BEHOLD THE CHRIST

Hoyt M. Redmond

When I behold how much He gave,
Of self and service true and strong,
I am deep moved within my soul,
And lift my heart in thankful song.
It was man's need that nailed Christ there
Upon the cross on Calvary's hill—
How could one help but love Him more?
Such grace no heart could e'er fulfill!
When I behold the work He did,
Upon whose strength a soul may rest,
There is no word that earthen lips
May breathe to say how great the blest.
There is a hand that reaches out
Beyond the works that word belies.
It is the Christ in mortal form—
Behold the soul of Him who died!

BE THOU MY GUIDE

By Zana S. Gibbs

Lord, I know I cannot do
The things that others may;
Yet, Lord, I pray my strength renew
Until I reach life's ending day.
Be Thou my guide through all my fears,
And never let me doubt
That through life's long and bitter years
Thou hast not turned me out.
And help me to see that Thou art near
Whenever fears assail.
Be Thou close to dry each tear;
Help me to know Thou dost not fail.

SIDETRACKED

Mrs. Ida Johnson, Modesto, Calif.

Empties, empties rattle along;
Each with its own peculiar song.
One car was full of love and praise,
And one was filled with gentle ways;
One was loaded clear to the brim,
With love and sacrifice for Him.
One cared so much for sinners, lost,
They'd rescue them at any cost.
What loads of good we used to haul,
Before our pride had emptied us all.
The leak was so small, I have no doubt;
We didn't know we were losing out.
And we loved every one with gentle grace,
But now grim hate has taken its place.
We used to have such a happy shout,
Before we let selfishness empty us out.
We make more noise as OUR praise we sing,
But all our noise has a hollow ring.
If you don't want your 'empty' left on a side-track,
You'd better let Jesus supply what you lack,
So back right up to the cross again;
Let Jesus clean and fill your train.
It's better to groan with a heavy load
Than rattle an empty over the road.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

GARRICK

Sister Mary Elizabeth Garrick, age 72, passed away to be with Jesus, Jan. 20, 1950. She was a member of the Church of God at Orangeburg, S. C., for 14 years. Although she was blind for 20 years, Sister Garrick was a precious saint in the Lord and a faithful member and worker in the church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. F. Newport, of Orangeburg, S. C. Sister Garrick leaves behind her husband, J. E. Garrick, 6 daughters, 27 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

WORTHY

Sister Nellie Worthey slipped away from this world to be with Jesus Jan. 23, 1951. She leaves ten children and a host of kindred and friends. She was a member of the Buchanan, Ga., Church of God, and secretary of the Sunday School. She was 51 years of age and a faithful widowed mother. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten.—Mrs. Pearl Dentmon, Clerk.

MORRIS

Brother Joe Morris, age 52, went to be with our Lord, Jan. 20, 1951. He was born in Central City, Ky., on March 14, 1898. He was a faithful member of the Church of God in West Frankfort, Ill., and a regular attendant as long as his health would permit. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, and 3 brothers. Funeral services were conducted at the West Frankfort Church of God, with Rev. N. A. Jordan, pastor, officiating.—Church Reporter.

DEAL

Mrs. Bettie Deal went to be with Jesus May 8, 1950, at the age of 75 years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God in Taylorsville, N. C. She leaves 7 daughters, 1 sister, 1 brother, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is greatly missed by all.—Her daughter, Grace Deal.

JUDY

Florence Rebecca Kimble Judy, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Kimble, was born Feb. 14, 1882 and died Dec. 27, 1950. She became a member of the Church of God in the winter of 1932. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Brushy Run, W. Va. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, G. G. Judy, 8 children, 22 grandchildren, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and a host of friends. She was loved by all who knew her, and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—Allen Tomblin, pastor.

KIMBLE

Minnie Edna Alt Kimble, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Alt, was born

SEARCHING FOR JESUS?

By Mrs. J. T. Byrd, Rossville, Ga.

Why seek ye the living among the dead?
"Behold He's risen," the angel said.
Searching for this living Christ
Whose body is the church?
Where every gift is found inside
A member of great worth?
Read First Corinthians 12 clear through,
Then tell me can you see
The perfect man of Ephesians 4,
The body tried and true?
Pray tell me where can you find these gifts
That make Christ's body whole
The gifts the Holy Spirit gives
So essential for our soul?
Where is this wholesale house of prayer
Where the wisest virgins buy
Oil to fill their vessels
While the foolish pass on by?
Be not deceived; God is not mocked.
Did Jesus die in vain?
The Church of God is the wholesale house
To make this vision plain.
Searching for this living Christ?
Look behind your door,
He's standing there,
Still knocking, alive forevermore.
Now that you've found Him where He is,
And even closer still,
Why don't you welcome Him inside
And look to Him and live?

Aug. 7, 1875, and died Dec. 11, 1950. She became a member of the Church of God May 19, 1940, and was a faithful member at Brushy Run, W. Va. She leaves to mourn her loss 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 4 brothers, and 2 sisters, and a host of friends. She was loved by all who knew her and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—Allen Tomblin, pastor.

WILLIS

Little Danie Paul Willis, member of the Church of God at Donna, Texas, was run over by a car and killed as he crossed the highway between his home and school, on Monday morning, Oct. 23, 1950, at about 8 a. m. He was nine years old. He died soon after arriving at the hospital. Danie was a loving, consecrated little Christian boy and loved by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, W. W. Smethers, and district overseer, Jimmie Rickles. Pray for his parents who miss him most.

WATTS

Sister Fannie Watts was born June 10, 1879 and died December 30, 1950, at the age of 71 years. She became a member of the Baptist Church at an early age, but in later years united with the Church of God at West Blocton, Ala. Surviving her are 3 sons, 1 a member of the Church of God. The officiating ministers were Rev. O. S. Yeager, her former pastor, assisted by Rev. Kenneth Lendsey.

Alas, the grave closes over the faithful;
Anon, its opening shall be wonderful;
Rest is the reward of a finished work.
Yea, faith the Spirit, that they may rest from
their labors,
And their works do follow them.

—J. L. Hillman, her pastor.

COLLINS

Gertie Collins, who was a member of the Church of God at Nocatee, Fla., has laid down this earthly life at a very early time, according to the allotted years to man. She was a faithful member here and will certainly be missed, but seeing her lie and suffer so long, we knew it was a relief to her to make the change. Our loss is heaven's gain.—A. J. Duncan, her pastor.

LOYD

Mr. Louis J. Loyd, age 69 years, was called to heaven Oct. 27, 1950, having been sick 3 weeks with a stroke and pneumonia. He leaves behind his widow, Mrs. Idell Loyd, 3 daughters, and 1 son. Brother Loyd was a cheerful, helpful, consecrated Christian.—Joseph Daniel, Pastor, Covington, La.

PRITCHARD

Sister Clara Pritchard of Pharr, Texas, has been called from this world to be with Jesus. She was a devout Holy-Ghost-filled woman. Though not a member of the Church of God, she was a regular attendant, and we miss her very much. She leaves her husband, children, grandchildren, and a host of church folk and friends. The funeral was conducted by Revs. Smethers and Homes, and she was laid to rest in the McAllen Cemetery.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

***** J. H. WALKER, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary *****

PRAY FOR JAPAN



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Mission organized by Mrs. Mary Flowers. She is shown with the Bible.

From this picture you see that numbers of happy people gather together each week to study God's Word and hear the news of salvation. Perhaps we shall never know the tug at Sister Mary Flowers' heart as she bade farewell to her Sunday School class and group of people who had endeared themselves to her heart. But as you know, Sgt. Flowers, her husband, has been missing in action

since September 1, 1950. She stayed in Japan as long as the Government would permit, but when it became necessary for her to return to the States it seemed that her greatest concern was the leaving of the work alone in Japan. There is a great opportunity in Japan. Thousands of people have been converted and brought to the Lord in other sections of the Island. I heard, through reli-

able sources, that in one city alone there were 10,000 converts to the Lord Jesus Christ. The great problem of the missionary is that he does not have sufficient workers to follow through his work. May I ask that you make Japan a subject of prayer that God will in some way make it possible for us to have those missionaries who feel the call of God and can go and work in this needy field.

HAITI

Dear Friends:

After a 6 months' furlough in the States for the Walkers and a 2 months' visit for Odine, we are all back at our post of duty in Haiti and are happy to greet you again.

Since our return, we have had some interesting experiences. One trip was to a small church at St. Marc, about 50 miles north of Port-au-Prince. Leaving home early in the afternoon, we took a lunch to eat en route. It was beginning to get dark when we stopped to refresh ourselves a little. There was a boy leading a donkey down the road, but as we climbed down from the jeep, he began running as hard as he could, leaving his donkey behind, and crying, "Lou-guy-ro," at the top of his voice. We could not imagine what was wrong, but Brother Lacombe, the district pastor, who was with us, explained. There have been many rumors recently of "lou-guy-ros" going around in cars and picking people up. "Lou-guy-ros" are supposed to be people who have given themselves over to the power of the devil. They are supposed to be able to fly; they have a bright light around them, and at times have fire coming from their mouths; and they are supposed to eat people. We were

very sorry to have frightened the poor boy so badly, and wished that he could have known that the power of the God we are serving is able to keep one even among the strongest of the powers of Satan.

Afterwards, we heard of a Christian man being picked up by "lou-guy-ros," but after their trying unsuccessfully for hours to harm him, they brought him back to his home.

While in the States, we were asked if we had heard the Haitian people speaking in tongues in the English language. We have never heard this, but Brother Lacombe told us of a girl in the Port-au-Prince Church who recently spoke English for hours under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He says that she is an uneducated girl and knows no English. The Holy Ghost spoke through her of the soon coming of the Lord. Sunday night a week ago, we did hear a woman speaking Spanish under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and this message, too, was of the soon coming of the Lord.

In one of our country churches we heard the testimonies of two converted witch doctors. We are asking Brother Lacombe to get these testimonies and translate them into English so that we can give them to you. It is wonderful that the love of God

has so marvelously transformed these lives.

Our annual conventions begin this week end, and we should appreciate your prayers that these conventions will be a great inspiration to the people of Haiti. We shall be able to give you a report on them in our next letter.

Please continue to pray for us, and may the Lord bless you.

Your missionaries in Haiti,
Reverend and Mrs. J. H.
Walker, Jr., and Miss
Odine Morse.

ATTENTION!

Wayne McAfee, returned missionary from Guatemala, is in Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, working on his B.A. degree, which he will receive in June, 1951. On week ends he is available for services. Anyone desiring his services within a reasonable radius of Maryville will do well to secure him. Brother McAfee's three years of experience in Guatemala and his devotion to the cause of missions will bless your congregation. Write him for an appointment. His address is: Rev. Wayne McAfee, College Trailer Camp, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

... Revivals and Reports ...

SENECA, S. C.—It is indeed wonderful how the Lord has blessed us in Seneca. We have just closed a 7 weeks' revival, with Sister Bessie Puckett, of Big Stone Gap, Va., as the evangelist. There were 68 saved, 43 sanctified, 43 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 26 baptized in water, and 36 new members have been added to the church since the Assembly. We have a prayer band that meets every morning to pray, and many souls have been saved through their prayers. The mill company has given us a beautiful lot for a church building, for which we praise the Lord. We feel that our report would be incomplete without expressing our deep appreciation for our pastor and his entire family, Brother and Sister J. A. Whitlow and children. Truly we praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us in Seneca.—Sister W. F. Owens.

WALLINS CREEK, Ky.—We thank God for a good revival conducted by Roy Dagnan, of Wallins, who really did some good preaching and there was much fasting and praying, which seemed to give the church new fire. We had a number of experiences in this revival and it seemed as though each member was encouraged to move on for the Lord. We believe Brother Dagnan would do any church good who needs a revival. We had some kind of special service each night. Pray for us.—Jeffery Simpson, Pastor.

S. MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—We thank the Lord for a wonderful 6 weeks' revival here in South Middletown. It was the best revival that has ever been here. Forty-two were saved, 21 sanctified, and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Mattie McIntosh, of Franklin, Ohio, was the evangelist. The church was greatly revived. Several nights during the meeting the power of the Lord came down and messages and interpretations were given. There was no preaching on these nights. The altar was filled every service. We believe Sister McIntosh would prove a great blessing to any church.

The church here is growing. We also thank the Lord for our good, faithful, loyal, humble pastor, Rev. Eddie Lawson, who started this new work here about 2 years ago. He bought a school bus and brings people to church. We have 51 good Church of God members now and are expecting more soon. We are also planning on a new church building soon. Pray for us.—Mrs. Gladys Hitte, Clerk.

WALTERBORO, S. C.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival here in Walterboro with Sister Irene Hillhouse as the evangelist. The church acknowledges it as the best in the history of this local church. There were 31 saved, 27 sanctified, 16 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 15

added to the church. Each Friday night was designated as healing night, and over 30 definite healings were manifested. Two cases in particular merit mention. A lady stricken with a heart attack was given up to die and death was imminent, but God came on the scene, and she still lives to testify of the power of God. Another was a man who suffered blood poisoning. His hands were in such a condition it was impossible to flex the fingers, and huge purple welts were evidenced. When he went through the prayer line God touched his body and the next night he came back to show how his hands were completely whole. We do thank God for this church. We have just purchased a beautiful 5-room parsonage in Mayfield Terrace here in Walterboro, the nicest residential district in the entire city. God is blessing, and on the whole everything is looking up. We are expecting great things to be accomplished in the blessed name of Jesus.—E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

AVON PARK, Fla.—We have just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Fred Sanders, of Tampa, as the evangelist. Nineteen were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 13 added to the church, 10 new and 3 by transfer. Brother Sanders certainly is an able speaker, and I feel that his preaching will bless any church.—Roy C. Miller, Pastor.

WHITEHOUSE, Fla.—On the 6th of January, Brother N. H. Harris, evangelist, stretched a tent in Whitehouse, Fla., and we had our first service that night. We are having a good revival, and it seems as if heaven comes down in the midst of us. There have been 12 saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and we are not at a stopping point yet. Before we came to Whitehouse they said we couldn't have a loud-speaker, and if we burned the lights after 10 o'clock they would shoot them out; but, thank God, the lights are still burning; the loud-spaker is still going; and people are still being saved. Brother Harris believes in letting God have His way in the service. The Holy Ghost takes charge, and then we have a wonderful altar service. Holiness has never had much success at this place until now, so we desire your prayers that we can sweep the town for God.—Miss Anna Laura Bell.

W. HILLSBORO, N. C.—We praise God for a good revival which just closed here with Brother Anthony (Tony) Petrucelli, of Kings Mountain, N. C., as the evangelist. He preaches holiness and sticks with the Bible. There were 7 saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. He is open for revivals and can be contacted by phone, number 2543, W. Hillsboro, N. C., or write c/o Box 192,

W. Hillsboro, N. C. He will do your church good.—Frank Petrucelli, Pastor.

WALLACE, N. C.—We are praising God for a glorious revival in Wallace, N. C. The power of God was real and many souls were blessed. Twenty were saved, 10 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost. Also, a new church was organized with 18 members. Our district pastor, Rev. L. O. Henry, organized the church, and Brother Bill Stanley, Jr., the evangelist, was appointed as pastor.

During the revival crowds came from miles around. The Holy Ghost took charge some nights, and many found the Lord. We feel that this new work is going to be a great blessing to this district and many souls will be won.

Pray that God will bless the Church of God in Wallace and that a new building will be built soon.—Aileen Stanley, Clerk.

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of this, a knowledge of the Bible.—Woodrow Wilson.

CHRIST BECAME POOR

By S. C. Elrod, Pastor
Rt. 3, Box 99, Opelika, Ala.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," 2 Cor. 8:9.

"And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head," Luke 9:58.

"As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things," 2 Cor. 6:10.

Christ had a borrowed ox stall for shelter, a borrowed manger for a cradle, a borrowed boat for a pulpit, a borrowed colt to ride on, a borrowed room for His last supper, a borrowed grave, and no funeral, no song, no prayer, no tears shed at His burying. Christ was the best man that ever lived and was treated worse than a tramp. Never did a man speak like this Man. No other ever had as many names in the Bible as He. He is the wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace; of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. One day He will be Lord of lords and King of kings. I'm going to live with Him forever. He will wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there will be no more death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain. It will be wonderful to live in the new earth, in a new home. Thanks be to God for Christ who brought me from nothing to everything.

Editor's Note: Brother Elrod has had several thousand tracts on "The Tobacco Union" printed here at the Publishing House, and he would be happy to quote his price on them if you will contact him at Rt. 3, Box 99, Opelika, Ala.

Lee College

THIS WE BELIEVE!

By Rev. Ralph E. Williams
Alumni President

Lee College is the best school in the world! Yes, you and I, who have attended this wonderful institution in recent years, say that wholeheartedly and unreservedly, with no fear of contradiction that we are telling the truth. Your first question would be, "Why do you feel that way and are you prepared to prove your state-



Ralph E. Williams

ment?" I can tell you why it is the best school in the world, and I do not have to prove it because it has been proved over and over by the fine young men and women who graduate every year and go out into a cold, hard-hearted world, and spend their lives in service for the Master. All my life I have heard the old adage, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and I agree with it and can tell you that the proof of the worth and quality of Lee College is "in the doing." By that I mean the hard work of the alumni on the field that is bringing results which only eternity will reveal. I do not say it is the best, academically speaking; or that it provides the finest accommodations possible. Yet, in thinking of these points, I can point with pride to our academic standard, and sincerely believe you will have to travel a long way to find a campus more beautiful.

That is the material side of our school, and we are proud of our progress in that direction; but, I am thinking of men and women who are alumni of Lee College, and I remember the condition they were in when they enrolled in our school. I turn my thoughts to the present time and

look at them today, and I marvel at the mighty things God is doing through them. Going to Lee has helped to make them a shining light in a dark world for all men to see, and caused them to be instrumental in leading hundreds to Calvary.

If space would permit, I could take pages and tell you of one after another who came to Lee College with no special purpose in mind, and when they left it was with a burning zeal wrought in their hearts by the Man of Galilee, to be a blessing to a lost world full of heartaches, sorrows, and woes.

It is a wonderful, soul-stirring experience to see young people turn from the path of wrong and consecrate their lives to God. My soul rejoices within me, and I say, with hundreds echoing me, that to us it is the **BEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD.**

Plans were set in motion to complete the project inaugurated at our annual alumni meeting last spring. This project is to be a story in pictures, accompanied by voice narration on tape recording. These pictures are for slide projector and are in color. It will describe student life, worship and activities, along with a vivid review of the splendid facilities which are offered by the Church of God to young people from every walk of life. By this time they are, I am sure, near completion, and you will be seeing them in the near future. We urge each alumnus to send in a contribution to, Alumni Association, Cleveland, Tennessee, and join others who appreciate the opportunity of attending a Church of God school. Your offering will help to lead some young person to Lee College and cause him to turn his steps heavenward.

May God help us to realize that time is short, Jesus is coming, and we must work while we have time. May God bless the student body of our school and every alumnus wherever he may be.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT LEE COLLEGE

Physics

Do you know what makes a refrigerator freeze, an airplane fly, or an electric motor run? Have you heard about the laws of motion? Are you acquainted with the principles of atomic energy? Do you know that...? These are the kinds of things we study about in physics.

It is not our purpose to make scientists of our students in the sense that Newton and Einstein are scientists, but we do desire to develop in them at least one attribute of a scientist—an inquiring mind. We also seek to make them acquainted with the basic principles, in a general but not too technical way, which govern the physical world in its functions.

Such knowledge, we believe, will serve to enrich the student's understanding of and enliven his interest in God's great universe. We believe, further, that such knowledge will inspire a greater faith in God, for, contrary to much popular opinion, many of the world's greatest scientists are not atheists, but devout believers.

Astronomy

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The Astronomy Class of Lee College has developed a great interest in this "handiwork" of God. Recently, the class took a trip to Chattanooga, where they visited the Jones Observatory. There they observed the moon and Jupiter with four of its satellites through the 20.5-inch telescope. Dr. Hujar, director of the observatory, told of the importance of astronomy from a religious standpoint: "When I consider thy heavens... what is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Biology

"Man is certainly stark mad: he cannot make a worm, and yet he will be making gods by the dozens."—Montaigne. The Biology classes at Lee College are many times made to think of this quotation as they study the handiwork of God in the things that only a master mind could plan.

Biology is the study of life. As one sees the perfectness of each organism and the imperfectness of anything that man can make it is far easier to allow God to forge one's path of life.

Man has spent millions unsuccessfully trying to find the secret which the Creator has used to supply His creation with food from the beginning. After a day's work with a compound microscope and a fine slice of a leaf we find that each leaf has certain cells to carry water, others for transporting food, and many filled with green bodies into which carbon-dioxide and water enter and are changed into sugar. Only God could create such a structure.

This semester, emphasis is being placed upon man's place in the world and the problems of environment, disease, and conservation, which face him today. These are things of which every minister, Christian worker, or lay member must have a basic knowledge, if he is going to be a leader.

Would the world conditions be the same today if the Church of God had trained men as leaders of science, teachers, or any of the many other professions in which man helps to mold the lives of those whom he works? Young people, God has a need for people who have courage to be Christians in the scientific world.

HERE IS AN HONEST MAN

Pat J. Sullivan, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is an honest man—and has proven it in no uncertain manner. From time to time in the past, his landlord, R. Frank Smith, gave him money, telling him to save it for the education of Smith's son, Frank Joseph Smith. Smith died December 1. No one knew about the money until Sullivan brought out the old tin can the other day. In the presence of the Smith family, he counted out \$15,590, mostly in small bills. The Smiths have filed a bill in chancery court to legally make Sullivan trustee of the fund.

SPIRITUAL EXAMINATION

By Mrs. Ruth Starnes, Route 2, Box 169, Greenwood, S. C.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves . . .," 2 Cor. 13:5.

We need to examine ourselves to see that we are planted firmly and steadfastly in our experience with God. As we stand at the solemn threshold of each year, conflicting thoughts and emotions crowd in upon us. There is expectancy; there is hope; there is planning; yet, also, there is an element of doubt and uncertainty as we view the future. We are conscious of God; yet, also, there are sudden overwhelming problems and disappointments. If we were to look only at the material things, the future would be dark, indeed. The social unrest, the unsettled economic conditions, the war, all these cause alarm and dread. Men's hearts are failing them for fear as they view the darkness of world conditions. But the Lord will show us the right way to go, if we will rely upon Him.

Let us examine our consecration. Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." God wants those who are entirely consecrated to Him. Are we and all we have dedicated to Him? Is each member of our body yielded to Him? The different sacrifices that were offered under the law were sacrificed by the priests but presented by the offerers. The offerer would lay his hand on the sacrifice to signify he was giving God all right and title to the sacrifice. We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice (not killed like these animals were, but living) unto God, giving Him the right and title to our lives. We must not yield our bodies as instruments of sin, but set apart for the use God may have for them.

We must give God our minds that we may receive that renewing from Him concerning His will for us. If our minds are filled with the cheap things of the natural life, we shall soon starve ourselves spiritually. Satan works upon the mind many times, and if we do not have a storehouse of good things from the Word of God in our minds, the evil thoughts will outweigh the good. Paul says, in 2 Cor. 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." These vain imaginations, carnal reasonings, high thoughts, proud conceits, are Satan's strongholds in the mind of man. By these things the devil endeavors to keep men from faith and obedience to the gospel. Many times it is through vain imaginations in the mind that Satan gains possession of the heart of

man. We are continually engaged in a spiritual warfare, but our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God. If we have on the armor of God, we are assured of victory.

We should give our hands to Christ, for He has no hands on earth but our hands. The Psalmist once asked who should ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who should stand in His holy place, and the Bible says, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." The consecrated hands are not spotted with the pollutions of the world. The hands lifted up in prayer must be pure hands; with nothing cleaving to them that defiles the man, or that is offensive to God. In vain do people pretend to have pure hearts if their hands are defiled with the acts of sin.

We should have eyes that behold the beauty and glory of God. We had better be careful where our eyes rest, for remember Eve saw with her eyes the forbidden fruit before she ate of it. The devil deceives many with a pretty look. Everything that looks appealing is not of God. The glitter and glamor of this sinful world is going to pass away some day; then where will you stand? If we allow our eyes to become filled with the vain things of this world, the spiritual vision will be dimmed. Luke 11:34, "The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness." Let us always look up above the natural things to Christ.

We need ears consecrated to God. Prov. 18:15, "... the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge." We should live close to God to be able to hear His voice. The closer we are to Him, the better we can understand His plan for our lives. If we allow our ears to hear the vain, sinful things the devil has in stock, they will be clogged until we shall fail to hear God's message. On one occasion, Jesus said to His disciples, "Blessed are your ears for they hear." The worldly minded person does not hear the voice of God; but we, as His children, have the assurance of hearing His message so we can carry out His commands.

We need consecrated feet that walk for God. Psalm 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." There are many paths in the world that present themselves to us. Some of the paths look very straight; but, unless it is the path laid out in God's Word for us, we had better keep our feet off. The Christian way is a straight and narrow way, and our feet will have to be guarded carefully lest they stray. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life," so let us walk after Him. We cannot

follow people, for many times from appearances a person seems all right, but unless he has been cleansed by the blood, he is walking in the wrong direction. Enoch walked with God where there was communion and fellowship. Surely, it is the privilege of every believer to enjoy blessed fellowship with God by walking with Him.

Let us examine our conduct. If the members of our body are consecrated to God, our conduct will be such as becometh godliness. Paul said, in 1 Cor. 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Can we say these words to the other person? Are we setting the right example? Paul told young Timothy to be an example to the believers. If we fail to live the life ourselves, we shall not be able to persuade others to do so. If you don't like a product yourself, you certainly won't do much good trying to sell it to some one else.

What about our social life? Do we lift Jesus up among our friends? When we are among people of the world, do we let our lights shine? The story is told of a man who went far off from home to try out a new job. Shortly after, he became discouraged and came home. Soon a second man went to try the same job and got along well. The first man asked the second, "How do you get along so well? When I was on that job, every time I would pray they would curse me and at times throw things at me." The second man said, "Why, I didn't even tell them I was a Christian." I am persuaded to believe he wasn't a Christian. Jesus said that if we are ashamed of Him in this sinful and adulterous generation, He will be ashamed of us before His Father. Paul says, in 2 Cor. 3:3, "... ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ . . ." An epistle is a letter or something one has written for the good of another. Every true believer is an expression of the character and mind of Christ. What is the use of a letter if it cannot be understood? Some professing Christians are difficult to read, but a true believer is easily distinguished.

Do we have the influence we should have as Christians? Jesus said, in His great Sermon on the Mount, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Salt is a preservation. It prevents corruption and spoilage of food. A little salt will go a long way, for it is penetrating. When fresh meat is salted down, the salt works slowly but constantly into the meat, on down to the very bone. We do not see salt at its work, for it works silently, but we can trust its results. Salt is an indispensable ele-

ment; it is found in every home. Many homes that are destitute of luxuries contain a box of salt.

We, as Christians, have an influence. It is true that Christian people may be in the minority many times, but what a powerful minority! The world is in a state of wickedness already, but think of the corrupted state it would be in if all the Christians were suddenly taken out. The Christian people, like salt, are constantly broadcasting the gospel to the lost people of the world. The influence of their lives is reaching out far and near. Perhaps many will never know the good they are doing while in this life, but there is a reward awaiting the faithful at the end of this age. Let us never lose that salty flavor of truth and right that is imparted to us from God. To keep our influence for God, we must continually be obedient to the voice of God. We must be willing to serve Him in any capacity He might ask of us. If He asks some humble task, let us not shirk our duty even if others never view our work.

A beautiful story is told of a king going into his garden. To his surprise he found his trees dying, his shrubs and flowers wilted. He asked the oak why it was dying, and the oak replied, "Because I cannot be tall like the pine." He asked the pine why it was drooping, and it replied, "Because I cannot bear grapes like the vine." He asked the vine why it was wilting, and it replied, "Because I cannot blossom like the rose." Then he came upon the heartsease, blooming as fresh as ever. He asked why it was not wilting like the other things around it, and the heartsease replied, "I took it for granted that when you planted me here you wanted heartsease. If you had desired an oak or a vine, or a rose here, you would have planted such. Since you put me here, I decided to do the best I could to be what you want me to be. I am trying to be the best heartsease for you." The king was greatly pleased with this plant. Many people in the Lord's garden want to be something else than what the Lord intended them to be; but to receive the blessings God has for us we must obey His command, whether it be great or small.

Let us examine our love. Love is a proof of discipleship, for Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye had love for one for another." Do we have perfect love? Remember it was love that caused the Father to give His Son, and love that caused the Son to give His life to redeem lost and dying mankind. Christ is our great example of love. His love was a sacrificial love. It was an unchanging love, for He loved His own unto the end. His love was constraining. It has a compelling force, and if heeded will cause a person to be saved. The world today is starving for love. Let us manifest a Christian love that will cause men to see Jesus in us and will stir them to accept this salvation.

Let us examine our prayer life. Do we pray as often as we should? Jesus began His ministry by prayer. Many times He withdrew Himself from the multitude to talk to His Father. Some-

times He continued all night in prayer. If it was necessary for the Son of God to pray thus, how much more necessary it is for us. Prayer is the mightiest force known to man. God will move on His throne to answer the petition of a trusting child. It is no wonder the devil tries to hinder our prayer life. The men who have most fully illustrated Christ in their character, and have most powerfully affected this world for Him, have been men who spent so much time with God as to make it a notable feature in their lives. Wesley began prayer at four in the morning; he thought prayer was more his business than anything else. John Fletcher sometimes prayed all night. Luther had to have three hours



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a day in prayer, two of these in the morning. Bishop Ken was with God before the clock struck three each morning. John Welch, Scottish preacher, thought his day ill spent if he did not spend eight to ten hours in prayer. His wife would complain on hearing him up during the night, wrapped in a plaid shawl to keep himself warm, praying for his flock. Payson wore grooves in the boards where he prayed; his continuing great success is traced to his praying life. Judson impressed Burma for Christ, and it was through prayer that he did it. These men, mighty though they may have been in many ways, needed to spend much time with God.

Let us live a life of service for God. A self-centered life is unworthy, but a self-forgetful life is noble and Christlike. The Lord Jesus lived a self-forgetful life. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. Service for others always ministers to personal happiness. We do not need to possess great wealth or great gifts to find a place to serve. The Lord will show us how and where to be helpful if we will rely upon Him for wisdom. These lines from A. B. Simpson's poem

should be the petition of our hearts:

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, I would ask for a year of prayer;
Teach me to talk with Thee;
Breathe in my heart Thy Spirit's
breath;
Pray Thou Thy prayer in me.

Lord, I would ask for the dying world,
Stretch forth Thy mighty hand;
Scatter Thy Word; Thy power display,
This year in every land.

Lord, I would ask for a year of joy,
Thy peace, Thy joy divine,
Springing undimmed through all the
days,
Whether of shade or shine.

Lord, I would ask for a year of hope,
Looking for Thee to come,
And hastening on that year of years
That brings us Christ and home.

Let us resolve to live closer to God than ever before. Let us remember to respect His Word by studying it more than in the past, for His Word is our guide of life. Let us pray more than ever before. Prayer is the great key that unlocks the storehouse of heaven for us, and that key is kept bright by constant use. May God help each reader to examine himself and profit by that examination.

TESTIMONY

UNION, Miss.—We praise God for healing my husband of a short leg, nervous kidney trouble, and a big lump in his side. I was healed of a lump on my breast. God healed us one night at Reids Chapel Church of God. Brother McCag was in a revival and was praying for the sick. We praise God for being so good to us and healing us. God will heal all if they will put their faith in Him, for He has power to do all things.—Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Hudson.

... TO THE UTMOST

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Evangelist*

In this book Reverend Pratt gives you the facts of how one can be led astray when influenced by evil companionship. However, the brightest part of this book is the story of how God protected this young man. He tells the story of how, when in prison, a Christian young lady made a lasting impression on him to turn from a life of shame to a life of righteousness.

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They Say . . .

HEROES OF THE BIBLE

The heroes of the Bible make up such a group of pearls as never before in history were strung upon one string. Christianity is the only queen that ever wore such a collection of gems. But she wears them right along, and has thus been unapproachable for many centuries. And she will remain matchless in the quality of soul that lies beneath her thought.

It does not seem possible that earth can ever produce a St. Paul or a St. John. And now, when to these beings you have added just one more, whom I need not so much as name, a being who emptied an ocean of love and hope upon the world, and who transformed the earth, making it roll out of darkness into light, you will conclude that here in the Christian records mighty souls have passed in the strange vision before us.

Here are tremendous foundations—broad, vast and deep. And as though man might come some day in the vanity of the subsequent centuries and mock at the impulse of character of these men, they all died heroic deaths that the critics of the nineteenth century might feel their own littleness when they should behold the thrilling ending of these lives.

Paul was put to death in Rome. John was tortured and sent to die an exile. James was hurled from a battlement in Jerusalem and crushed to death. Simon Zelotes was put to death in Persia, where Jude was also tortured to death. Matthew was slain by a mob in Abyssinia. Thomas was killed in Coromandel. Philip was hanged upon a pillar in Hierapolis. Andrew was crucified at Patraca, and James the Less in Asia.

As for the one name towering above all, He was crucified on Mount Calvary between two thieves.

Into such holy hearts did God pour the truths, the hopes, the joys, and sorrows of our religion.—Swing.

ON A JOURNEY

Henry Van Dyke

Wherever you are, and whoever you may be, there is one thing in which you and I are just alike, and in all the moments of our existence. We are not at rest; we are on a journey. Our life is not a mere fact; it is a movement, a tendency, a steady, ceaseless progress toward an unseen goal.

We are gaining something or losing something every day. Even when our position and our character seem to remain precisely the same, they are changing. For the mere advance of time is a change. It is not the same thing to have a bare field in January and in July. The season makes the difference. The limitations that are childlike in the child are childish in the man.

READ THE BIBLE BECAUSE:

Ps. 119:130, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." The Bible sets forth the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy and its precepts are holy and binding. Its histories are true and its decisions are irrevocable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support, comfort to cheer; is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and a charter for all Christians. In it heaven is opened, the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good discerned, the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. Read it slowly, precisely and frequently. It is given to us here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and it is destined to live forever. It sets forth the highest obligations and responsibilities, the greatest labor will be rewarded and those who trifle with its sacred contents will be doomed to destruction. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," John 5:24.

All men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.—Thomas Jefferson.

It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible.—George Washington.

A man who does not grow more useful with age has missed the right way along his course.—Dr. Harvey Springer.

Some people think a thirty-minute sermon is too long, so they substitute a six hundred column Sunday newspaper.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.—Paul.

You can't be the "salt of the earth" without smarting some sinner!

"Ye have not because ye ask not . . . " James 4:2. Is your prayer a habit, or a necessity?

"A child of God can see more on his knees than a philosopher on tiptoes.

When God sends a man to the lions' den, He goes there with him.

Unless we have within us that which is above us, we will soon yield to that which is about us.—P. Lincicome.

Often those of whom we speak least on earth are best known in heaven.

The roots of prayer lie in oneness of purpose; God up yonder, His victor Son by His side, and a man down here in such sympathetic touch, that God can think His thoughts over, in this man's mind, and have His desires repeated as this man's prayer.—S. D. Gordon.

OUR GUEST—REV. CARL COX, STATE OVERSEER OF IOWA



Brother Carl Cox said in a recent letter: "God is blessing in a wonderful way. We are having great revivals all over the State, and it seems there is a revival spirit here now. Our Sunday Schools are on the upward move and certainly growing; also, our Y. P. E.'s are showing great interest. In fact, every department of the church is moving along for God in an encouraging manner. We had 306 members at the last Assembly; now we have 429. May we have your prayers for continued success for God and His church in Iowa."

GIVE TRACTS TO ATTRACT SOULS TO THE RIGHT TRACK

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False Doctrines

A RADIO MESSAGE BY EVANGELIST BILLY SUNDAY MYERS

(Continued from last week)

Last week I named one or two false doctrines, and in this article I shall consider a few more.

1. THE NO-DENOMINATION HERESY. Today you hear so many people yelping about not belonging to any denomination. Now the truth about these people is they are in a denomination, but it is a "one-man affair." They have a denomination all of their own. This little denomination may not consist of but one church, but that one church is just as much a denomination as if 10,000 churches were organized and operating under the same system. The word "denominate" means to identify one particular system by one certain name, and this is exactly what these little splinter groups do. So really, they are in a denomination whether they have scholarly balance enough to know it or not.

Now of this most terrible heresy, the apostle Jude says, "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." Notice what they do; they separate themselves. From what? From the general body or organization of the church. "Come-outers" they are. And they say they come out in order to be free; but when you analyze their freedom, you find that they mean just this: "free to do as I please."

Solomon, in Prov. 18:1, explains it; it reads in the margin, "He that separateth himself (i.e., leaves the general organization) seeketh according to his desire (that is, he wants his own way) and intermeddeth with every business." See here, these "come-outers" want to boss the whole organization, and since they cannot do it, they yell "Give us freedom, give us freedom!" Then one gathers about himself a number of disciples who possess the same spirit, runs out, builds him a little "ONE-CHURCH DENOMINATION," and sets himself up at the head of it like a king on a throne. Paul earmarks this "bunch," in Acts 20:30, "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." The first thing these carnal leaders should do is go down to God's altar, pray through to sky-blue holiness, then get up and go to school for ten years.

Pray tell me, really, what is the real design of this "come-outism"? The Bible says, "Through covetousness they make merchandise of you"; i.e., they want everything for themselves. In these little "one-church," "one-man" denominations the preacher can collect all the tithes and offerings from the people and pay none himself. He has no orphanages to support because his church owns none. He feels no responsibility toward foreign missions because his church has no missionary organiza-

tion. And usually, the preacher holds the deed title to the church house, and if the people do not dance just right to his music he sells the church out from under them. This has happened a thousand times over.

Paul declared that things in the Old Testament were shadows of things to come in the New. The church under Moses was a general organization with special men ordained to lead and guide it in the way of the Lord. (And even the Campbellites teach that the "church in the wilderness" was a perfect type of the New Testament church—addendum to a radio message—BSM.) If the church under Moses foreshadowed the organization in the New, then the church is a general organization and not a "one-man affair." The old covenant church had seventy men ordained to the oversight of it. Now notice, when Jesus came He selected His "seventy special disciples," and separated them from the general laity. If you know anything at all about the Bible, you know that "seventy" is God's government number. This simply means that Jesus selected His "special seventy" for the governmental oversight of the church under the new economy. Jesus organized His church with the new economy while He was upon earth, not after He went back to heaven, as some of these wisecracks teach who try to start everything at Pentecost.

Listen, I want to tell you lay members something. When the Bible says, "Obey them that have the rule (or guide) over you," it applies to your preacher as well as to you. Now how could this be unless you are in a general organization? In a "free-lance church" the preacher is the "big cheese," telling his members to obey his orders and prescriptions, and he is the only one that has "freedom," that is, to do as he pleases. The Bible speaks of two freedoms, "freedom in the Holy Spirit" and "freedom in the flesh." The first of these is from above and gives us the right to do the whole will of God in our lives; the last is "free to act like the devil." These "come-outers" possess the latter.

Another terrible heresy that is now cursing this country is

II. THE JESUS ONLY, OR UNITARIAN THEORY, which holds that Jesus Christ and God the Father are identically one and the same person. This forces them to say there was no such thing as the Son of God before His birth in the manger. The doctrine teaches just this: that the flesh of Jesus is the Son, while the inner soul of Jesus is the Father. They tell us that God the Father came down, incarnated Himself in human flesh, and then called His body His Son. According to this, there was no Son of God until the flesh of Christ came into being. (Just hold your peace for a few minutes, and we shall see about this, see what the Book has to say.) But first notice, these people are

asked a question, "Does it not require two or more persons to carry on a conversation, to speak with each other? And do we not hear the Son speaking to His Father, and the Father answering the Son?" "Oh, that is easy to answer," they say; "you see it is like this: When the Son speaks to the Father, it is the flesh of Jesus speaking to His own inner soul; and when the Father speaks to the Son, it is the inner soul of Christ talking to His own outer flesh." More amusing than pulling rabbits from the hat, but this is exactly what they teach, for one of their own preachers, who was supposed to be one of their best, told me this personally. To this same preacher I said, "Will you answer a few questions for me, sir?" "I shall be glad to," was the reply. I said, "When the Son speaks to the Father, does that mean it is the flesh of Jesus speaking to His own inner spirit?" He answered in the affirmative. Then I asked, "If that is the case, will you please answer a question on John 17:5?—Jesus speaking to His Father, says, 'And now, O Father, glorify thou me . . .'" I said, "Was that the flesh of Jesus speaking to His own inner self?" He quickly answered, "It most certainly was." "And the rest of the verse says, 'Glorify thou me with the glory I (the flesh) had with thee before the world was.' Do you mean here that the flesh of Jesus existed before the world was?" The poor spiritual pauper said, "I can't explain it, but I still believe Jesus is His own Father." My Lord and my God! That's worse than the old song "I'm My Own Grandpa."

Someone will surely say, "Preacher, explain that verse which says Jesus had glory with the Father before the world." I will. Christ was the eternal Son of God. Nineteen hundred and fifty years ago this Son of God came to earth and took up His abode in human flesh. Jesus, speaking to His Father, said, "A body hast thou prepared me," Heb. 10:5. When Jesus said, "Glorify me with the glory I had with thee before the world was," it was the eternal Son of God using the instrument of His body and saying to His Father, "I had glory with thee from eternity, before you clothed me with a body." To say that this was the flesh of Jesus speaking would mean that Christ had a fleshly body from eternity. There is no way on earth to get around it; it was the eternal Son of God addressing His Father, saying, "I had glory with thee before the world was," proving infallibly that Christ was a personality separate and distinct from the person of the Father. **WAS CHRIST THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD? DOES THE BIBLE CALL CHRIST GOD'S SON BEFORE HIS BIRTH OR RATHER HIS INCARNATION IN HUMAN FLESH?** The "Jesus Only" answer, "No, nothing but the body of Jesus can be called the Son, and inasmuch as the body of Christ did not exist previous to His incarnation, there was no Son of God in the Old Testament." They will quickly tell you that there was no such thing

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State and Local Activities

THE TONEY TRIO

Russell Toney, 29, leader and pianist of the Toney Trio, has a dozen musical compositions to his credit as a songwriter, and two of them will likely be included in a hymnal released by the Tennessee Publishing Company, in the near future.

Mr. Toney, a native of Burlington, is music director for the South Gastonia Church of God, of which the Rev. Ray Collins is pastor.

Making up the Toney Trio with him are his wife (standing at the right in the accompanying photo) and Mrs. Dorse (Hortense) Barnes of Love Heights. Mrs. Barnes' husband works at the Firestone.

Before coming to Gastonia two years ago from Burlington, Mr. Toney sang for eight years with a quartet there. He met his wife while both were attending the same church in Burlington. She was, before marriage, Miss Qualls, daughter of Lemuel Qualls and the late Mrs. Qualls of Burlington. Mr. Toney's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Toney, of Burlington. He has one brother and two sisters there, and another brother was killed in World War I. Mrs. Toney has two sisters and one brother in Burlington.

INVITED TO GASTONIA

Two years ago Mr. Toney was connected with a church in Henderson, when, at a summer camp meeting, he met the Rev. Ray Collins, of the South Gastonia Church, who offered him the position of music director of the local congregation. He accepted, and he and Mrs. Toney and their four children came to live in an upstairs apartment behind the South Gastonia Church of God, at 1514½ Jewett Street. The pastor lives next door, at 1512 Jewett Street.

The four Toney children are: Russell, Jr., nine; Iris Dawn Toney, eight (both students at Victory School), Cecilliah Guann Toney, five, and Gary Dale Toney, four.

The Toney Trio has on hand for sale recordings of several of their songs, and these records also have been sold in music stores in Gastonia and elsewhere. Until recently, the three had a three-times-a-week 15-minute program over WLTC. That program is not on the air now, but the trio continues to aid the Rev. Mr. Collins in his WLTC programs: from eight to nine on Sunday mornings, and from 4:30 to 5 p. m., on Mondays and Tuesdays. They are now negotiating for programs over WBT in Charlotte.

The twelve songs written by Mr. Toney are: "I'll Take My Stand," "I Know It's Real," "Guide My Feet," "My Saviour," "Get On Board," "I'm



on My Way," "Dear Lord, I'm Singing a Song," "There'll Come a Happy Day," "Joy Divine," "I'm Going to Heaven," and one patriotic song, "Our Flag."

In the trio, with Russell Toney playing the piano and singing alto, Mrs. Barnes plays the guitar and sings soprano, and Mrs. Toney sings tenor. Their theme song is "Get on the Happy Side of Living."

P. S.:

Parsonage Work Is Nearing End

Work is nearing completion on a \$15,000 parsonage now being constructed on Carolina Avenue, across from Victory School, for the pastor of the South Gastonia Church of God.

It will be brick-veneered and contain about nine or ten rooms.

When it is occupied by the family of the Rev. Ray Collins, the present parsonage, at 1512 Jewett Street, around the corner, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Toney and four children.

The church will begin tearing down its present brick sanctuary in the near future, preparatory to construction in the spring of a new church building, to cost an estimated \$90,000-\$100,000, it has been announced.

The church now has a membership of around 325, but the Sunday evening services usually draw between 600 and 700 attendants. About 700 attend the Sunday School exercises at the church each Sunday morning.

P. G. Savage is chairman of the building fund for the new church building.—From Gastonia (N. C.) Gazette.

REVIVALS

INDEPENDENCE, Oregon.—God has really blessed us here in Independence. Recently we were blessed by having Rev. Buddy Tapley and wife for a 2 weeks' meeting. They are certainly wonderful people of God. His messages each night were Holy-Ghost-anointed, and our church was greatly inspired by them. Several were saved and sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church.

Then about 4 weeks later, Brother Johnny Thompson and wife came for a revival. He is our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, over Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. Again God really blessed us. Many of the nights his messages were to the church. Several nights he announced his sermon topics in advance and designated those nights as special nights to preach to the church. Each time the place would be filled, and the Holy Ghost would be in our midst. Seven were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. We at Independence thank God for these two wonderful revivals.—Miss Mary Ann Stephens.

PELHAM, Ga.—Our church has just had a 3 weeks' revival, with much good done. The evangelist was Rev. Robert Jackson, of Colquitt, Ga., who brought a message each night under the anointing of the Spirit of God. There were 14 saved, 8 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Brother Jackson did much good among the young people, in whom he is especially interested. We thank God for this revival and for souls that were blessed. Our pastor is Rev. Cecil Floyd, and we appreciate him and his wife very much.—Lynette Kierce, Church Clerk.

BOWDON, Ga.—We have had a wonderful 3 weeks' revival at the Church of God in Bowdon, Ga., with Sister Emma Newman as the evangelist. I consider this the best revival the church has ever had, although I was seriously ill and in the hospital part of the time. The weather was bad, but the people came out just the same. Four received the Holy Ghost, several were saved, several sanctified, and 6 united with the church. The church was greatly blessed. This was Sister Newman's second visit to our church, and we recommend her to any church for a revival, as she is a wonderful evangelist. She preached each week over our "Word of God" broadcast, and people wrote from all sections telling how she blessed their souls with her message of the old time gospel. Considering the circumstances under which we have labored here at Bowdon, the church is doing fine. The town is still unfriendly toward the church, but we have some real Church of God members who are standing for the gospel and supporting the church with their means.—Fred W. McWhorter, Pastor.

HODGENVILLE, Ky.—"It is truly wonderful what the Lord hath done!" This is the praise that rings in the hearts of each member of the Church of God in Hodgenville. Having just closed a 4 weeks' revival, with Brother G. R. Morris, of Tennessee, we are thankful to report 22 experiences. There were 10 saved, 12 sanctified, and some added to the church. Brother Morris delivered soul-stirring messages each night, definitely proving his anointing from God. He labored untiringly in this meeting to point souls to Christ; therefore, his efforts were not in vain. We praise God for each soul blessed. The Holy Ghost took charge through Brother Morris one night and conducted the altar services. Several souls fell in the altar under the speaking of the Holy Ghost. Sister Morris conducted the singing, and she is a wonderful singer, as well as a great soul winner for Christ. We feel that our report would be incomplete without expressing our deep appreciation for our good pastor and his wife. They have shown exceptional interest and enthusiasm in our church. It has grown since Brother Willis Carden came here. Pray for us. I am sure no one can go wrong in having Brother and Sister Morris to hold a revival for them. They are certainly God-called people.—Stella Davenport.

N. WILKESBORO, N. C.—It gives me great pleasure to report one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God here in North Wilkesboro according to the members' reports. There were some of the greatest healings ever beheld by folks in this twentieth century. Blind eyes were opened, deaf ears unstopped, dumb made to speak, cancer and cripples of all kinds were healed while on the platform. Many were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost; some have already united with the church, and others are coming. The revival continued for 3 weeks, and the church would not seat the people; around 150 would stand in almost every service, and many more were turned away. Our largest attendance was over 600. Rev. William Sullivan, of Knoxville, Tenn., was the evangelist. He is proving to be a wonderful blessing to our churches here in North Carolina.—James Roy Ray, Pastor.

W. FRANKFORT, Ill.—We have just closed a wonderful 3 weeks' revival conducted by Rev. Paul Milligan and wife. There were 8 saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. The Lord met with us in a glorious way in every service. Brother and Sister Milligan are both consecrated workers for the Lord. They were a blessing to our church and also in our home.

After being assigned to the pastorate here in West Frankfort, we felt we were in the will of the Lord. Truly we thank the Lord for the good people here. They are a group of humble Christians who want to be alert for the Lord at all times.

We should like to commend our dear Brother G. L. Stilwell for the wonderful work he did as pastor here the past two years. There have been 19 additions to the church since the Assembly, making the total membership 104. We have just put a new roof on the church and some additions to the parsonage. The Willing Workers have purchased a new Frigidaire and washing machine for the parsonage, which we appreciate very much. The church here has a broadcast each Monday at 2 p.m., and also each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 5:45 a.m., over Station WGGH, Marion, Ill., 1150 on the dial.—N. A. Jordan, Pastor.

GREATEST REVIVAL STIR EVER KNOWN IN NORTHWEST

We are happy to make a report to the readers of the *Evangel* and our friends throughout the great Church of God. Since coming back to the Northwest, God has been very real and near, meeting with us in a very special way. We found the work moving forward, and a fine determined group of saints here at Minot pressing forward.

We began fasting and praying for a revival. We preached revival and talked revival until people almost became tired of the word "revival," but to make a long story short, it worked. We secured the help of Rev. Doyle Stanfield and the assistance of Brother and Sister Davis, who are singers attending the Canadian Bible School at Estevan. They were a great blessing to us with their able singing. Great crowds came to hear them sing each evening. Sister Davis is the former Molly O'Day of radio fame. We did appreciate the help we received from them. We must mention Sister Sanda, who is a great altar worker.

Well, adding this up, 22 were saved, 45 received the Baptism, scores were healed, and the revival is not over. We began anew, with June Becker, to continue the greatest revival stir ever known in this Northwest territory. We are expecting even greater things here.

The Northwest Bible School, here at Minot, was a great blessing to the revival, also, cooperating fully with the local church. Every student at-

tending the school has received a baptism, and we are elated over the prospects of this school for the future. The time will come when this school will take her place with the great Bible Schools of America, we believe.

Please remember us in your prayers that we will always move in the will of God.—D. C. Boatwright.

WONDERFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL RESULTS IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA

SIOUX CITY, Iowa—The Sioux City Church of God, in the State of Iowa, is making rapid progress. Their Sunday School, for some time, was averaging in the thirties, but now they have exceeded that record. On Sunday, December 17, they broke their all-time record. The attendance on that day was 64. One can readily see that the Lord is blessing those folk in their untiring and tireless efforts for the cause of His glory. The people in that city are hungry for the Word of God, and they support His cause by going to church and being spiritually awake. If anyone asks who leads in attendance in our Home-Extension Department work in this state, it would not be hard to comprehend the honorable recipient. Sioux City averages around 150 or 200 in attendance about every month, relative to Home-Extension Department work. I, as state youth director of Iowa, can truthfully say all of the youth of the Church of God in the State believe in worshipping God from the depths of their soul. They are also proud of the great Church of God.—Alton Stone, State Youth Director of Iowa.

WHAT COUNTS

Mrs. Clotha Mae Hand, Cairo, Ga.

The life I live on earth below
Is what will count when I shall go
To that fair land above.
Not what I've planned or meant to do,
Will be the ark that takes me through;
But that I'm anchored in His love.

Not what I've thought; but what I've brought
Unto the Master's feet,
Is what will add to my account
When His dear face I greet.
Not what I've heard of His dear Word,
But how these blessed sayings keep;
According to them I'll be judged,
For by them I shall reap.



The big Jones' Revival Tent seats 4,000 and has at times covered more than 6,000 people. Above is a picture of the crowds during the daily afternoon services. Thousands have accepted Christ and multitudes healed during current healing campaigns held by Rev. Jones.

Some Things to Think About

WASTE BY THE MILLIONS

Americans pay a fabulous price for their carelessness or shortsightedness in dealing with fire. For the 12 months ending last August 31, fire losses in the United States totaled \$688,962,000, an increase of \$16,000,000 over the similar period of a year ago.

The trend of such losses has been steadily upward for almost a decade, the lowest of any recent year being \$667,536,000 in 1949.

GETS \$50,000 IN WILL

Forty-one years in faithful service to Mrs. Nettie E. Jones was rewarded when Mrs. Bettie Osborne, colored, received a \$50,000 fortune in Mrs. Jones' will, filed in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Besides \$25,000 in cash Mrs. Osborne, 60, who was the chief beneficiary, also received all personal effects and the piano of Mrs. Jones, plus household goods and half the remaining possessions.

After spending 13 years in prison, Mrs. Rose Veres, of Detroit, is free. She was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in 1931, after Steve Mak was killed in a fall from a window of her home. But the case was retried recently, and a jury deliberated eight hours and then found her not guilty. She was released from prison.

150 GRAND PIANOS PLAYED IN UNISON BY 275 MUSICIANS

INDIANAPOLIS—Melodies from 150 grand pianos, played in unison by 275 musicians, thrilled some 28,000 persons who filled the Butler University fieldhouse at two performances.

More than 1,500 pianists from 40 Indiana communities had parts in the festival, rated by Frank Wilking, conductor, as "the largest in the world."

The performances climaxed four months of practice by little tots whose feet dangled far above the pedals and elderly women whose years of playing are numbered.

THE EASIEST SIN

The easiest sin we commit is taking things for granted; things we have no right to take for granted.

We fall into this vice because such an attitude seldom comes under the censure of society. Our grosser sins and vices prick the conscience or arouse the watchfulness of the neighbors, and that keeps us more or less on the straight and narrow. But an ingrate seldom feels remorse, nor does society exert any considerable social pressure against him.

The mood comes over one slowly, subtly, displacing the normal sense of obligation. So it is that one who takes small favors and blessings as a matter of course who soon becomes thankful for the great benefactions.

It is literally true, as the thankless will tell you, that they have nothing to be thankful for. He who sits at meat and is unappreciative of meat is as though he had no meat.

Therefore, when the psalmist of old said, "It is a good thing to give thanks," he meant it was a restorative thing, a saving thing, a periodic reminder that the common decencies, securities, and opportunities of this world belong to us only because others before our time, and others around us now labored and sacrificed that these things might be our heritage.—Selected.

DON'T FORGET, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE!

Once we knew a man who was saved from death by a hair-breadth.

"I vowed then that I would count every living moment as a gift from the Almighty," he confided. "And I pledged never to fret or fume or be angry with other human beings—to make every minute count in happiness. I thought I would eternally be thankful for every breath of life."

"But," our friend smiled, "I woke up the very next morning and growled at the cook for scorching the toast. And very soon I had all but forgotten my frightening experience and my vows. But sometimes when I face a really tough problem it helps me to remember that it's good to be alive."

"It's good to be alive!"

TRAFFIC CASUALTIES GREATER THAN WAR

Traffic killed 94,000, injured 3,300,000. War killed and missing 294,419, wounded and prisoners 776,105.

From December 7, 1941 to August 14, 1945 (V.J. Day), it is estimated that there were 3,394,000 traffic casualties and 1,070,524 war casualties.

SELF-SABOTAGE

Civil defense is of major concern at the moment, and rightfully so. More than ever before, we face the grim possibility of waging warfare against an enemy on our own soil. We are attempting, through alert preparedness, to develop our national capability to meet and repel any such attack.

But suppose we suddenly woke up to the fact that within our borders there was a saboteur which caused the death of 35,000 persons and injuries to another million or more? How far would we go to search out and destroy this evil force?

Actually, this is no supposition. We do have these losses annually, and no saboteur could do a better job for our enemies. The toll, of course, is that from automobile accidents which year after year claim thousands of the most productive lives in the country.

During the last six months of 1950, some

19,500 Americans died in traffic accidents. Another 625,000 were injured.

In comparison, some 6,200 fighting men were killed in Korea, 7,000 listed as missing and 25,000 wounded in the same period. Tragic figures, these, but at least they represent the sum total of sacrifices for a purpose. The vastly greater number of lives lost in traffic represents only the ghastly sacrifice to human carelessness, a needless drain on human resources at a time when the nation needs every man jack of us to survive.

When are we going to wake up to the fact that enemies of America couldn't wish for a finer agent than our own heedlessness provides?—Chattanooga Times.

ANOTHER "IF"

Rev. E. Long, Harrison, Ark.,
Church of God No. 2

If you can keep yourself above the fashion . . . That like a flood has overflowed the world; If you can make your clothes and wear them decent,

And hold your honor dear though scorn is hurled;

If you can see in style no admiration, But rather that it's decency's worst foe; If you can keep your articles on buckled Some self-control and modesty you all show; If you can let the men wear all the trousers And never crowd them from the barbers' chair; If you don't try to look so artificial, Nor use a curling iron to spoil your hair; If you can let the merchant keep his powder And let the house and barn have all the paint, Then you won't have people talking about you Nor have them thinking you are what you ain't.

Is This to Be a Crucial Year?

DONALD S. AULTMAN, State Youth Director, Texas

This year came in at a definite disadvantage. From churches and pulpits all over our nation have come utterances to this effect, "1951 will be one of the most crucial and trying years of our time." This year has been labeled by many as the year when communist aggression will keep gaining momentum until it has involved the whole world in another war. It has been noted by most of our ministers that subducing powers of evil are greater today than ever before. Most of these sayings are true, and the majority of our pessimism is justified; but above all the rumors and signs of war, above all the disdainful cries of infidels and unbelievers, above the sobs of our bereaved mothers whose sons are even now dying on the battlefield, above the dismaying cries of the once enlightened Christian who seems to have lost all hope, resound these encouraging words from Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

This year can be the greatest ever, for God's work, if we, as the youth of Texas, will do our part in promoting every phase of the work of God and the Church. We can have more people attending our churches,

more people kneeling at our altars, and a greater number accepting Christ, if we will be determined not to let our Christian experience be molested and hampered by the trend of the age. We are following One whose power and greatness is limited to neither time nor condition. We are serving an immutable, unchanging Saviour. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Let us take God at His Word, lift up our heads, and face this year with some definite alternatives and objectives in mind. Psalm 84:11, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Let us forget the failures, heartaches, disappointments and trials in the years past, and face this year with more zeal and determination to be a better Christian and do more for the cause for which Christ gave His all.

It is not too late to make another New Year's resolution and I think that these words written by the apostle Paul make way for the highest type of Christian service possible, Philipians 3:13, 14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

FALSE DOCTRINES

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as the Son of God when the world was made.

I will now annihilate this fatal dogma, world without end. Simply read with me Heb. 1:1, 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom (that is, by His Son) also he made the worlds." Now the truth has come to light. The Scripture before you plainly says, "God by his Son made the worlds." This puts both God and His Son back at creation. The Bible, in Col. 1:19, tells us, "It pleased the Father that in Christ should all fulness dwell." This simply means that the Father invested His Son with the fulness of His wisdom, power, and glory. But the "Jesus Only" people ask, "When did the Father invest Christ with this fulness?" They say it was AFTER His incarnation, not BEFORE. They are wrong; God invested Christ with this fulness before the world was, because Christ creating the worlds is put in Col. 1:16-19 as the evidence of this fulness.

In the analysis of the text, allow me to ask Paul a few questions: "Paul, what proof can you give that the Father has invested in His Son all fulness?" Paul answers: "Just this: By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." O God, this most awful heresy that denies the eternity of Christ's sonship does nothing but frustrate, sow discord, divide, and scatter the unity of God's people, and send them down to a deep, dark, dismal hell.

Another point this false doctrine holds is this: It says "God is not a PERSONALITY." They say, "Only the flesh and body of Jesus can be called a person." But Heb. 1:3 tells us that "Christ is the express image of the Father's person." An image is not the real thing in question, but rather its likeness. This verse tells us plainly that Christ is not the person of the Father, but is His exact likeness. This explains the words of Jesus, "He that has seen me has seen the Father," not the person of the Father, "for no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18), but rather His exact likeness. I might logically say, "He that has seen John, Jr., has seen John, Sr." I mean by this that Junior is the exact likeness of his father, but I didn't say that he and his father are the same person.

What these people really need is to get them a good dictionary. They will say, "God is not a person but a spirit." They are telling us here that a spirit being could not be a personality. Oh, how they need to get them a good dictionary! The angels are paid to be spirits, but they are personalities with parts and passions, and a centralized location. They have eyes with which to see, and ears with which to hear.

The Bible also calls man a spirit, and when his body is dead and dissolved in the dust, the man will continue to be a perfect entity. Paul said, "Whether in the body or out of the body I know not." This proves that man as a spirit being may be in the body or he may be out of his body: and it shows that when disembodied he continues a perfect entity. Man out of his body is still a man, still a person.

You can easily see what these folk do; they define the word "spirit" to mean "influence." And they seem to think God is a mere influence that fills all space like the air. Such nonsense! It is true that the influence that proceeds from God fills the universe, but God Himself is a personal Being who sits upon a throne. Listen to what Jesus said: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Now of this observe: When Jesus uttered these words, His Father was in heaven, and His Father possessed a face, a face that could be seen ever and anon by the angels. Now notice the absurdity of "Jesus Only" doctrine. It holds that there was no God on the throne in heaven for thirty-three years, i.e., while Christ was upon earth. Let all who believe heaven was without the personality of God for thirty-three years stand on your head. While in Birmingham, Ala., one of these preachers wrote me a letter and asked, "Didn't Jesus say, 'I and my Father are one'?" I answered, "Yes, but Jesus did not say, 'I and my Father are one person.'" The Bible also says that man and wife shall be one flesh, but that doesn't mean that

two people walk around in the same body." The Bible often speaks of unity, the perfect unity, existing between Jesus and the Father, but never does the Bible say that they are the same person.

THEY GIVE THANKS FOR HEALING

The following desire to express through the Evangel their thanks to God and Rev. B. E. Chesser, pastor, 1103 E. Gay St., Bartow, Fla., His servant, whom He used in their healing:

I was healed of high blood pressure.—Nettie Johnson, Fairfax, S. C.

I was healed of a goiter.—Annie Bing, Fairfax, S. C.

I praise God for healing me.—Pearl Smart, Fairfax, S. C.

I praise God for healing my head.—Curlay B. Junior, Fairfax, S. C.

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I was healed of tumor.—Lucile Harrison, Barton, S. C.

I was healed of high blood pressure.—Inez Holmes, Barton, S. C.

I was healed of high blood pressure.—Carrie Gray, Barton, S. C.



Above are some of the ministers that are associated with the "Voice of Healing" Association. The picture was made at one of the night services while the host pastor, W. V. Grant, was leading the great congregation in a heart-warming chorus.

From Good News, the W. Asheville parish paper, Rev. R. E. Conner, Editor-pastor.

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